GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5069
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INDIRA GANDHI NAHAR PROJECT
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are providing funds to the Government of Rajasthan for Indira Gandhi Nahar Project under the " Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) " in the ratio of 2:1;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representation from the Government of Rajasthan to provide more funds under AIBP; and

(c) if so, the time by which grant under AIBP is likely to be increased?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Union Government has provided from 1997-98 to date Central Loan Assistance (CLA) in the ratio of 2:1 (Centre: State) under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) amounting to Rs. 232.89 crores to Indira Gandhi Nahar Project Stage-II

(b) No, Sir. However, Government of Rajasthan had requested the Ministry of Water Resources during January, 2001 for increasing the Centre's share of CLA and the terms and conditions for repayment of the loan. There is no proposal to relax norms of AIBP as requested by the Government of Rajasthan.

(c) The allocations under AIBP are made on year to year basis for those ongoing irrigation projects which satisfy the AIBP criteria and are proposed by the State, subject to availability of funds and the budget outlays provided by the State for these projects in their respective annual plans and keeping in view State ceiling of CLA prescribed by the Planning Commission for the year.